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OBJECTIVE

All targets listed below are sought under objective II d. of DCID 1/3, dated 21 April 1958:

The strengths and weaknesses of the Soviet (including Satellite) economy, with particular reference to its ability to support a major war; the motivation, character, and magnitude of current economic development programs, their implementation and their effect upon the economic, political, and military strength of the Soviet Bloc; the capabilities and vulnerabilities of the Soviet and Satellite internal communications system.

BACKGROUND

Recent data on Bulgarian foreign trade in 1957 show a continuing expansion from the 1953-1955 plateau, with the USSR's share increasing (almost nine percent above 1956) while the over-all Bloc share remained constant at about 85 percent of total trade. Information on the commodity composition of this trade is indefinite but indicates an increasing role for Bulgaria as a supplier of food products, and industrial raw materials, primarily for the Soviet Union. This is in accordance with a general de-emphasis of Bulgaria's heavy industrial development together with an increasing emphasis on specialization and subordination of Bulgaria to the primary industrial needs of the more advanced Bloc countries.

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BASIC GUIDANCE

In order to verify the extent of the specialization program in foreign trade we need detailed information on the composition of Bulgaria's trade with the USSR and the other Satellites. Details are also required on the February, 1957 agreements, of Bulgaria with the USSR, East Germany, and Czechoslovakia whereby Bulgaria is to increase its agricultural exports to these countries in return for increased industrial imports, primarily heavy industrial products. New credits from the more industrialized Bloc countries are anticipated (\$182.5 million from the Soviet Union alone for the period 1958-1960); more specific information is required.

TARGETS

<u>Targets</u>	<u>Location</u>
Classified copies of reports of the Ministry of Trade on commodity details of import and export trade with the Bloc.	Ministry of Trade, Sofia.
Classified copies of reports on, and of recent trade and credit agreements with the USSR.	Ministries of Trade and Finance, Sofia or Moscow.
Classified copies of reports on, and of recent trade and credit agreements with East Germany.	Ministries of Trade and Finance, Sofia or Berlin.

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Classified copies of reports on, and of recent trade and credit agree- ments with Czechoslovakia.	Ministries of Trade and Finance, Sofia or Prague.

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